

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicant: Takamasa Iwaki et al.
Serial No.: 10/539,870
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For : Floor Mat and Small Animal Rearing Cage
Examiner: Son T. Nguyen
Art Unit: 3643

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

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Dear Sir:

This Preliminary Amendment is being submitted in conjunction with a Request for Continued Examination filed in response to the Office Action dated July 18, 2007 for which a shortened statutory period of three months ending October 18, 2007 was set in which to respond. Please consider the following amendments and comments and reconsideration of the rejections is respectfully requested.

Applicants submit that in view of the attached Certificate of Mailing this response is timely.

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